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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

LU et al.

Application No.: 09/688,017

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For: MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS
IN HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS

Examiner: DeCloux, Amy M.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2002. A petition for a one month extension of time is enclosed herewith which extends the period for response from August 1, 2002 to September 1, 2002. Because September 1, 2002 falls on a Sunday and September 2, 2002 is a federal holiday, the period for response is further extended to September 3, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Appendix A entitled "Version with Marking to Show Changes Made" is attached hereto and shows the amendments that have been made to the claims.